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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 913 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 9th to 15th July 1859.

No. 7. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 20th June 1859, No. 2350.

Read letter from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 23rd May 1859, No. 133, forwarding estimate of the value of the Indigo Factory at Vellore and copy of correspondence between the Sub-Collector and the Brigadier Commanding that station.

(In Con. 25th May 1859, No. 2358.)

In Extract Minutes Consultation in the Revenue Department, No. 1138, dated 7th November 1857, Government referred copy of a correspondence between the Brigadier Commanding Vellore and the Quarter Master General, regarding the desirability of appropriating the site of the Indigo Factory at that station for the lines of the 3rd Extra Regiment, no other ground being eligible, and also as a sanitary measure, the smell from the factory being considered injurious to the residents in the Cantonment and in the existing lines, and directed the Board of Revenue to report the tenure under which the Factory was held and what compensation would be fair if the proprietor were required to relinquish the buildings with their sites.

2. The Cantonment of Vellore being situated in the Sub-Division of the Collectorate, Mr. Sullivan has been in communication with the Brigadier on the subject in question, and from the latter officer's letter, it appears that the transfer of the 3rd Extra Regiment to Cuddapah, has obviated the necessity of appropriating the site of the Indigo Factory for lines, but that sanitary considerations require something to be done to prevent the spread of the obnoxious effluvia from the works through the Cantonment and lines in manufacturing seasons. The Brigadier adds, the "Lines from their continued unhealthiness have attracted the observation of the Superintending "Surgeon and by him have been condemned; strong necessity remains for proper means being "employed if the proprietor be permitted to retain the Factory, to suppress the fetid smells "generated whilst the works are in operation, and this can only be effected by covering in the "vats and a systematic drainage to carry the refuse to a distance, and prevent its stagnating in "the midst of this crowded Cantonment."

3. On the above point Mr. Sullivan states, that he has frequently visited the lines referred to by the Brigadier, and is of opinion that other causes exist far more prejudicial to the health of the residents than the occasional smell arising from the Factory when at work, and that the owner is willing to do every thing in his power to meet the wishes of the Military authorities.

4. The site of the Factory has been held for about 35 years on puttah and the Factory itself was in existence prior to 1831, as in that year the then Quarter Master General, Lieut. Col. Hanson, was of opinion* that it could be allowed to remain without any inconvenience.

* *Vide E. M. C. quoted in para. 1 of these Pro.*

5. It also appears that on the faith of the above favorable recommendation of the Military authorities, large outlays have been made on the property by successive proprietors, and the Collector agrees with Mr. Sullivan that nothing but urgent necessity should lead to the removal of the buildings.

6. An estimate of the buildings received from the District Engineer and amounting to Rupees 6,180-7-2 less a deduction on account of wear and tear of 20 per cent. on the valuation, accompanies these Proceedings, but the Collector points out that it needs revision, as Mr. Sullivan considers the amount altogether inadequate, the price of materials having greatly increased of late and labor being now procurable only with great difficulty.

Enc. 2 in from North Arcot 23d, in Con. 25th May 1859, No. 2358.

7. The title of the proprietor, supported by his large outlay and enjoyment for so many years, seems to the Board unquestionable, and if the land and buildings are taken, compensation is manifestly due.

8. It is for Government to decide whether, for sanitary reasons, the property shall be taken, or whether in consequence of Mr. Sullivan's statement, any further enquiry shall be held

on this point with a view to decide how far the existence of the Factory is prejudicial to the comfort and health of the Troops.

Vide letter from Sooboorama Iyer, to Col. Logan, in E. M. C. 7th Nov. 1857, No. 1138, R. D.

9. As regards compensation the Board see no alternative, but to leave it to be fixed by arbitration. The proprietor stated the actual cost of the Factory as Rupees 9,014. Captain Money, the Acting Assistant Quarter Master General, valued the Factory approximately at from Rupees 3,500 to Rupees 4,000, the materials being likely to realize Rupees 1,500, and now the Engineer Department estimates the buildings, after allowing 20 per cent. for wear and tear, at Rupees 6,180.

10. The latter must, the Board presume, be taken as the correct money value at the present time of the Factory, and as the sum which, if the proprietor were desirous of selling it, he might reasonably demand. The proprietor, however, does not wish to dispose of the Factory, and, if it is taken from him, he must, with the sum paid to him, construct another elsewhere. He may, therefore, the Board consider, fairly claim such a sum, as at present prices of labor and material, will enable him to do this and reasonably compensate him for the inconvenience of removal.

11. With such varying estimates and Mr. Sullivan's statements before them, it is impossible for the Board to say what would be fair compensation. They can only suggest an arbitration, and if the proprietor will consent to a settlement by a single person, the Deputy Chief Engineer of the Circle or the Consulting Engineer for Railways, could probably decide satisfactorily in a few days this question which has remained open for so long a period.

12. The delay in furnishing the information now submitted to Government appears to have been unavoidable. At the time of the requisition, and for a long while afterwards Mr. Sullivan was obliged to reside almost entirely at Arcot and the Railway stations, in connection with the arrangements made for the transport of Troops and stores, and the Acting District Engineer, Lieutenant Mayne, with whom Mr. Sullivan had in the meanwhile communicated on the subject of the Factory, left the District without replying to the reference. About this time the owner of the Factory fell dangerously ill and failed to send an agent to act for him, and his subsequent death, which rendered a division of his large property necessary, left the Factory, for a long time, without an ostensible owner, with whom Mr. Sullivan could treat.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1859, No. 913.

The Government see no sufficient reason for incurring the heavy cost which would be necessary for the purchase and removal of the Indigo Factory.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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There is no doubt that
an Indigo Factory
in the vicinity of towns,
is an undoubted offence &
nuisance to the
neighbour and must
be, I should think
injurious to health.
But to the last part
the decision of Government

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& if they dislike smoke
they must, if they think
it worth while provide funds
for its removal. Is one
ever heard of such facts
as this being instantaneous. They
are only disagreeable. Mf

Ask Whitmarsh
Whether Officers
should be sought
and acted upon.

[signature]

Sees no sufficient grounds
for taking any steps to remove
the factory. The Residents
did have objected at the time
the proprietor began to erect

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& yet his neighbour's life dead is
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2. If this were a fact,
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Submitting with the Board's remarks & suggestions a letter from the Coll. of North Arcot affording information relative to the Indigo Factory at Vellore. and leaving it to Govt. to decide whether the property shall be taken or further enquiry held with a view to determine how far its existence is prejudicial to the comfort & health of the Troops.

No. 913. 9th July 1859.

With an order

No 913.

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A copy of para 2 of Mr Sullivan's letter of the 21st May will be communicated to the Military Department in order to his being requested to indicate more particularly for the information of the Military authorities of the station the causes of disease in the Ashoy lines to which he refers, and in view to the removal of those causes.

Fort St. Geo.
9 July 1859.

The Military Dept.
Board of Revenue Desp 11th

It was merely a "Tu Quoque" on Mr Sullivan's -

The Military authorities never complained

There no doubt we shall have a full report from the Med Officer on this head & I think it will be right then to take some step if they state that the near vicinity of the Indigo Factory is injurious to health

Cons: 10th Nov. 57 No. 4th-45.

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